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Crack-smoking woman holds man at knifepoint

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A Brockton newspaper deliveryman who offered a Duxbury woman a ride found himself forced to drive around for close to an hour after the woman reportedly pulled a knife on him when he told her not to smoke crack in his car.

The 19-year-old male told police he picked up the woman, Sheryl R. Maass, 42, of Lake Shore Drive, Duxbury around 4:15 p.m. last Wednes-

day while delivering papers near the Halifax/Hanson town line. Maass asked the driver to take her to Birch Street, near the Pembroke/Duxbury line.

Once in the car, Maass allegedly began to smoke a white substance that police later confirmed was crack cocaine. When the driver told Maass she needed to get out of his car, she pulled a 3-1/2-inch black-handled folding knife out of her purse and threatened

him with it, according to reports.

Maass allegedly forced the man to drive around for more than an hour. The driver eventually pulled into a dead-end street and was able to distract Maass and push her out of the vehicle, according to reports. The driver then asked neighbors for directions to the closest police station, which was in Pembroke.

Police picked up Maass about 15 minutes later, according to reports.

She was arrested and arraigned last Thursday in Plymouth District Court, where she pled not guilty to charges of kidnapping, assault with a dangerous weapon and a subsequent offense of Class B drug possession. She was released on \$250 bail.

Maass is due back in court on May 10 for a probable cause hearing.